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DEPARTMENT FOR A-JOHN THOMAS

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TAGS: OREP (YATES, SIDNEY R.)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMAN YATES

REF: STATE 73554

1. WE HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT CHURCHILL HOTEL FOR CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. YATES, MOHRMAN AND GREER FOR NIGHTS APRIL 7-10. EMBASSY DRIVER WILL MEET MOHRMAN AND GREER ON ARRIVAL PA 106 AT 0930 APRIL 7 AND TAKE THEM TO THE CHURCHILL. CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. YATES WILL BE TAKEN TO HOTEL ON ARRIVAL ALONG WITH THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

2. OWING TO BRITISH AIRWAYS STRIKE, WE HAVE TAKEN LIBERTY OF RESCHEDULING GROUP'S APRIL 11 DEPARTURE. CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. YATES, MR. MOHRMAN AND MR. GREER NOW HOLD FIRST CLASS RESERVATIONS ON SN 604 DEPARTING LONDON AT 0935 ON APRIL 11. EMBASSY CAR AND DRIVER WILL MEET GROUP AT HOTEL AT 0730 TO TAKE THEM TO AIRPORT.

3. FOR USEC BRUSSELS: PLEASE NOTE REVISED ARRIVAL TIME CONGRESSMAN YATES AND PARTY.

4. 19 FT 510 FUNDS FOR CONGRESSMAN YATES WILL BE AVAIL-
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ABLE ON HIS ARRIVAL AT CHURCHILL HOTEL FROM CASHIER AT EMBASSY CONTROL ROOM. FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MR. MOHRMAN EITHER AT CONTROL ROOM AT 7:30 P.M. OR EARLIER IN DAY AT EMBASSY.

5. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE RENTED CAR AND DRIVER TO TAKE CONGRESSMAN YATES AND HIS PARTY TO A NATIONAL PARK OUT-

SIDE LONDON. THIS CAN BE ARRANGED FOR EITHER FRIDAY, APRIL 8 OR SATURDAY, APRIL 9. FORMER MAY BE PREFERABLE BECAUSE WHILE VIRTUALLY ALL LONDON SHOPS WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, SOME WILL REOPEN FOR SHORTENED HOURS ON SATURDAY. OF THE 10 NATIONAL PARKS IN ENGLAND AND WALES, THE CLOSEST TO LONDON ARE BRECON BEACONS IN WALES AND EXMOOR ON THE SOMERSET/DORSET BORDER. FORMER IS 180 MILES, OR APPROXIMATELY FOUR AND ONE-HALF HOURS FROM LONDON, AND LATTER IS 210 MILES, OR OVER FIVE HOURS FROM LONDON. PARK INFORMATION OFFICIALS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH TO BRIEF GROUP. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF CONGRESSMAN STILL PROPOSES VISIT NATIONAL PARK AND ON WHICH DAY SO THAT EMBASSY MAY CONFIRM CAR HIRE AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH PARK OFFICIALS.

6. REGRET THAT OWING TO EASTER HOLIDAY WEEK-END WHICH EFFECTIVELY BEGINS MORNING OF APRIL 7, HMG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH FILM PRESERVATION, AIR POLLUTION AND OIL LEASING PRACTICES WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN YATES AND HIS PARTY.

7. SUGGESTED LIST OF MODERN ART GALLERIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CONGRESSMAN YATES FOR MRS. YATES UPON ARRIVAL. UNFORTUNATELY, ALL WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 8, AND ONLY A FEW WILL BE OPEN FOR LIMITED HOURS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 10, AGAIN OWING TO EASTER HOLIDAY.

8. EMBASSY HAS ASSIGNED FSO DENNIS SANDBERG AS CONTROL
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OFFICER FOR CONGRESSMAN YATES AND PARTY. HE MAY BE REACHED AT EMBASSY ON 499-9000, EXT. 458, AND AT HOME ON 940-4712.

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